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SUBJECT: SECTORS-CANADIAN PROPOSAL ON COPPER

REF: 75 MTN GENEVA 8148, 75 MTN GENEVA 8439, 75 MTN GENEVA 8441

1. CANADIAN DELEGATION (CLARK) HAS REQUESTED BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH US MTN DELEGATION TO DISCUSS CANADIAN PROPOSAL FOR POSSIBLE AGREEMENT ON COPPER PRODUCTS, REPORTED IN FIRST REFTEL AND CIRCULATED IN MTN/SEC/W/7 DATED 30 OCT 1975. AT LAST SECTORS GROUP MEETING IN NOVEMBER, CANADA PLACED CONSIDERABLE STRESS ON ITS INTENTION TO UNDERTAKE BILATERAL AND PLURILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON ITS PROPOSALS WITH INTERESTED DELEGATIONS.

JUDGING FROM FACT THAT THIS IS THIRD TIME CLARK HAS ASKED WHEN US AND CANADIAN DELEGATIONS COULD MEET

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ON THIS QUESTION, CANADA APPEARS TO BE MOST ANXIOUS TO BEGIN THESE DISCUSSIONS. CLARK NOTED THAT CANADA

WISHES TO COMPLETE FIRST ROUND OF SUCH DISCUSSIONS WITH ITS KEY NEGOTIATING PARTNERS BEFORE AMB GREY OF CANADA RETURNS TO OTTAWA THE WEEKEND OF FEB 7.

2. WE HAD PREVIOUSLY INFORMED CANADA THAT ISAC 12 (NONFERROUS METALS AND PRODUCTS) WOULD BE MEETING AROUND JAN 5 TO CONSIDER, INTER ALIA, THE CANADIAN PROPOSAL AND THAT US WOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL WITH CANADA UNTIL AFTER IT WAS DISCUSSED WITH THE ISAC.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: IN VIEW OF HEAVY STRESS CANADA IS PLACING ON SECTORAL NEGOTIATIONS, PARTICULARLY ON COPPER, WE RECOMMEND AN EARLY POSITIVE RESPONSE TO CANADIAN REQUEST FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. SINCE CANADIANS ENVISAGE A SERIES OF SUCH CONSULTATIONS WITH EACH OF ITS KEY NEGOTIATING PARTNERS, FIRST SESSION COULD BE SOLELY EXPLORATORY FOR PURPOSE OF CLARIFYING ELEMENTS OF CANADIAN PROPOSAL WITHOUT TAKING POSITIONS ON ANY OF THESE ELEMENTS. ASSUMING OUR RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR EARLY CONSULTATIONS IS AFFIRMATIVE, DELEGATION WILL NEED GUIDANCE FOR CONSULTATIONS BY END OF JANUARY. CULBERT

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